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NEW HEAD OF THE CUSTOMS

MR. F. W. MAZE

NATIONALISTS ACCEPT MR. EDWARDES RESIGNATION

I.G.'S CAREER

Nanking, To-day.
The Administrative Yuan of the Nationalist Government yesterday afternoon accepted the resignation of Mr. A. H. F. Edwardes, as officiating Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs. Mr. F. W. Maze has been appointed Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs.—Reuter.

The Antecedents

When Sir Francis Agien was I.G., Mr. Edwardes was Chief Secretary. Before that (during the Shakes affair in 1925), Mr. Edwardes was Commissioner in Canton. On Sir Francis going Home, Mr. Edwardes was appointed acting I.G. by the now defunct Northern Government.

Mr. Maze has been Commissioner at Shanghai for some time. He is senior to Mr. Edwardes in length of service.

When Mr. Edwardes was appointed officiating I.G. by the Nationalist Government, a post was created, that of assistant I.G., to which Mr. Maze was appointed.

Persona Grata

Prior to the Nationalist Government's appointment of Mr. Edwardes, it was known that Mr. Maze was persona grata with Nanking. Mr. Edwardes less so if at all.

Mr. Edwardes complained strongly about the introduction of the political element into the Customs service with its high traditions and sent in his resignation on Dec. 31, 1928. In the interval, the Nationalist Government, at the instance of the Finance Ministry, has deliberated the matter and accepted the resignation.

It will be interesting to see if an assistant I.G. will be appointed in place of Mr. Maze.

A BANISHEE

TELLS THE MAGISTRATE AN INTERESTING STORY

NOT YET SUBSTANTIATED

A novel excuse was offered by a returned banishee, who was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with being found in the Colony before the period for which he had been banished had expired.

The accused said that since he was banished he had become a seaman on a junk in Chinese waters, and had no intention whatever of coming back to Hong Kong. His appearance there was due to an unfortunate circumstance over which he had no control. He explained that whilst the junk was under sail on Monday, one of its masts snapped and it was forced to drift into the waters of the Colony for shelter and to effect repairs to the mast.

He was unfortunate to be arrested the same day the junk reached here and was unable to say if he had left again or not. He knew, however, that repairs to its mast were being made at Shaukiwan when he was taken into custody.

Asked by the Magistrate why he had come ashore at all, the accused said that his intention was to go to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs to apply for leave to stay in the Colony for 24 hours whilst the junk was undergoing repairs.

Very Plausible

Remarking that the accused was a very plausible man, the Magistrate inquired how the accused was arrested.

A Chinese detective said that he "picked the accused up" near the Shaukiwan market on information received. His informant told him that he had constantly seen the accused in Shaukiwan. When arrested, defendant did not say anything about a junk with a broken mast, but told the witness that he had come here to dispose of some sweet potatoes.

His Worship decided to give the accused a chance to prove his story and ordered a remand until tomorrow morning.

The accused was told that in the meantime he must go with the police and try to find his boat in Shaukiwan and get someone connected with it to come to Court to support his story. Failing this, the accused could bring up people who had repaired the broken mast.

His Worship added: "If you can't do this then I shall know you have been telling a pack of lies, and it will be the worst for you."

HIS MAJESTY'S CONDITION

ON THE "UP-GRADE"

DOCTORS SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS MADE

FEWER BULLETINS

London, Yesterday.
A British Wireless message states:

The following bulletin was issued at 8.15 p.m. to-day:—The King has had a quiet day and the condition of His Majesty remains unchanged. No bulletin will be issued until to-morrow evening.

Signed: Stanley Hewett and Dawson of Penn.

It is understood that the King has passed a quiet night and that his condition to-day again remains much about the same. At Buckingham Palace it is considered that the fact that the King's condition is unchanged may be taken as a definite indication that he is on the up-grade.

The King's doctors have made it clear that they are satisfied as to his progress, for there will be no further bulletin until to-night.

With the exception of Christmas Day and Boxing Day this was the first week-day on which no bulletin was issued in the morning.

There were only two doctors at the Palace last night and a definitely more hopeful air prevailed.

AFGHAN AFFAIRS

REBELS ARE AGAIN BOMBARDED

NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE

London, Yesterday.
An Afghan official telegram from Kabul yesterday evening states that the rebels in the Northern Province have again been bombarded by Afghan artillery and are dispersing farther north.

The situation in the Kabul provinces is normal.

The Governor of Jallalabad province is successfully continuing negotiations with the Shinwars.

Peshawar, Yesterday.

The arrival of lorries and camel caravans from the Governor of Jallalabad indicates that the road thither is improving. It is reported that King Amanullah has agreed to abolish conscription and to lift the ban of entry on foreign mullahs.—Reuter.

BIG ACTION

U.S. DECISION UNFAVOURABLE TO FRANCE

GOVERNMENT'S CLAIM

New York, Yesterday.

A decision unfavourable to the French Government has been given in the Federal Court in connection with an important action instituted by the Department of Justice in 1927 against French and German chemical concerns which the American Government maintained had been formed to control the distribution and price of potash.

The French Government intervened on the ground that the French Company concerned was largely owned in the French Republic and was therefore immune from legal proceedings.

The Court rejected the claim and decided that the case should proceed.—Reuters American Service.

NEW RUBBER MOVE

DUTCH PROPOSALS TO AMERICA

BRITAIN'S MONOPOLY

The Hague, Yesterday.

The Dutch banker, K. M. Kloppenburg, is shortly visiting America in an attempt to secure support for the formation of an American-Dutch Rubber Trust Company. The aim of which is to make the American consumer and the Dutch producer independent of the British rubber monopoly.

Kloppenburg last year submitted a rubber revalorisation proposal to the British and Dutch colonial offices and the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies.

The new move follows the Governor-General's refusal to participate in the scheme.—Reuter.

ADMIRAL HOEKSTRA'S LANDING

AT QUEEN'S PIER

OFFICIAL VISIT TO LOCAL ADMINISTRATOR

GUARD OF HONOUR & BAND

Rear-Admiral A. ten Broeke Hoekstra, commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Naval Forces in Netherland-India and head of the Naval Department, paid an official call to-day on H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) at Government House.

Rear-Admiral Hoekstra's flagship, the cruiser "Inva," arrived this morning and fled to a buoy in the Naval anchorage. Customary salutes were exchanged.

Consul Present.

At 12 noon, Rear-Admiral Hoekstra landed at Queen's Pier, where he was met by Captain A. J. L. Whyte, Aide-de-Camp to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, and Mr. M. J. Quist, Consul-General for the Netherlands, who wore official dress. The distinguished visitor was accompanied by the Flag Captain (Captain A. F. H. Dahlhausen) and his Flag Lieutenant.

The Band of the 1st Batt. of the Queen's Royal Regiment played the national anthem of the Netherlands, after which Rear-Admiral Hoekstra inspected the Guard of Honour, also furnished by the Queen's Regiment.

Rear-Admiral Hoekstra and his staff, Mr. Quist and Captain Whyte then drove to Government House. The ceremonies outside the Pier were repeated when Rear-Admiral Hoekstra disembarked to return to his ship.

Call Returned.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government returned the call and, on leaving the cruiser "Java," was greeted with a salute of 17 guns.

"Java" took part in the naval review at the coronation of H.M. the Emperor of Japan, and called at Nanking on her way back.

The stay here will be of six days' duration. Arrangements as to entertainment, etc., will be made after the return of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), by the "Empress of France." His Excellency is due to land at Queen's Pier at 6 p.m. to-day, but without any official function.

WRONG ADDRESS

CHARGES AGAINST A WATCHMAKER

COUNSEL'S ASSURANCE

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning to defend a Chinese whom he described as a respectable watchmaker.

The man, whose name appeared on the charge sheet as Mak Kit, was charged with (1) giving a wrong address when pawning six watches at the Lee Ching pawnshop, No. 84, Ming-creet, Shaukiwan; and (2) obtaining \$10 by false pretence by \$10 Yunnan currency.

"Boycott Suggestions"

Several remedies have been suggested, amongst others being the stopping of importation of foreign goods, which would, of course, affect business in a most disastrous manner, and would probably not do much good. The real remedy is not to be found in that direction. If only more of the proceeds of the exports found its way back to the Chinese, there would be a decided difference.

The boycott of Japanese goods is very strict. A very remarkable step has been taken by the authorities here, boxes being placed outside the Police stations, with writing on them asking people to place suggestions in them, for the furtherance of the Japanese boycott; all suggestions to be treated as confidential!

DRIVER KILLED

RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT ASHCHEURCH

15 PEOPLE INJURED

London, Yesterday.

The driver of a passenger express was killed and 15 people injured in a collision with a goods train at Ashchurch, near Tewkesbury. Two carriages of the express were overturned. Ashchurch is only 20 miles from Charlfield where 15 were killed and 30 injured in a collision on October 18 last.—Reuter.

ERUPTIONS

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

The death roll in the Chilean volcanic eruptions is expected to total about thirty.

The disturbance is now subsiding.—Reuter.

TOBACCO KING

New York, Yesterday.

The death is announced of Mr. Benjamin Duke, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, Hunter American Service.

Defendant, who was a partner and manager of the Kowloon-Dai Yuen-pur-dealers, Central Street, was charged at the instance of another partner named Wong Shiu-chuen.

Mr. DAVIS DILLAH

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 20.616.

THE UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM

IN BRITAIN

BIG INCREASE AFTER CHRISTMAS

OFFICIAL FIGURES

London, Yesterday.

The Ministry of Labour announces that the number of unemployed on December 31 was 1,520,700.

This was 249,578 more than on December 17.

Compared with a year ago the increase was 184,597.—British Wireless Service.

IN YUNNAN

LATEST NEWSLETTER FROM SOUTH-WEST

AN INVASION RUMOUR

From Our Special Correspondent.

Yunnanfu, Dec. 29.

A large party of missionaries left recently for the north of Yunnan province. As they were assured that the road was quite safe it is hoped that they have arrived at their destinations without mishap.

Rumours come in from the Kweichow border of a projected invasion of this province, but nothing very definite seems to be known.

FINE WEATHER

N.E. winds, moderate, fine

is the forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anti-cyclone is central over the lower Yangtze Valley.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

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Hong Kong, 16th Dec., 1928.

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Hong Kong, 1st Jan., 1929.

THE HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolution, viz:—

That the Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinances (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45, in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and, if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,

A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hong Kong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Buildings, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

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 HAKODATE MARU Monday, 25th January.
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 ATLAS MARU Saturday, 19th January, 1929.
 RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
 MONTEVIDEO MARU Friday, 8th February, 1929.
 BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
 CHIFUKU MARU Saturday, 19th January, 1929.
 (Calls at Penang & Kuching).
 DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DARES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
 CHICAGO MARU Tuesday, 8th February.
 CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
 BORNEO MARU Friday, 1st February.
 SEATTLE MARU (Calls at Balawan, Dili).
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 PARIS MARU Wednesday, 16th January.
 ARABIA MARU Tuesday, 22nd January.
 MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.
 HIMALAYA MARU Wednesday, 6th February.
 SAIGON—Via Hohow.
 HAI PHONG—Via Hohow.
 MEINADO MARU Thursday, 17th January 10 a.m.
 NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
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 AMAZON MARU Tuesday, 15th January.
 KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.
 HOZAN MARU Sunday, 13th January Noon.
 CANTON MARU Sunday, 20th January Noon.
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 DELI MARU Thursday, 10th January 10 a.m.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

FEWER U.S. SHIPS

SOME REASONS FOR THE DECLINE

LOAD LINE LAW URGED

The annual report of the United States Commissioner of Navigation, which shows a further decrease in the number of vessels of United States register, deprecates the fact that the country has no load line law.

According to the annual report of the Shipping Board, for every ocean-going ship built in the United States, fifty are constructed in Great Britain.

A steady decrease in the number of vessels flying the United States flag is reported by Mr. A. J. Tyner, Commissioner of Navigation, in his annual report to the Secretary of Commerce. On June 30, 1928, the merchant marine of the United States, including all kinds of documented craft, comprised 55,885 vessels of 16,683,061 gross tons, of which 2,336 seagoing vessels of 10,882,793 gross tons were of 1,000 tons or over, compared with 2,447 vessels of 11,071 gross tons on June 30, 1927.

An analysis of the seagoing tonnage showed 1,934 vessels of 7,054,297 gross tons in private ownership, against 1,567 with 6,886,355 gross tons July 1, 1927, and 761 vessels of 4,110,061 gross tons owned by the United States Shipping Board, against 875 vessels of 4,539,768 gross tons. When our inspection laws were passed motor vessels were practically unknown and in the interest of safety of life and property such large sea-going motor vessels should be subject to full inspection, equipment and manning."

Steady Fall Since 1921

"Since June 1, 1921, when our foreign tonnage reached its greatest volume, 10,699,596 gross tons," the Commissioner points out, "there has been a steady decline, until on June 1, 1928, it amounted to only 6,117,565 gross tons, a falling off of 4,582,031 gross tons. The decrease in the foreign trade is due principally to the scrapping of large vessels which belonged to the Shipping Board and to changes from foreign to coasting trade because of greater opportunities in that service."

Since June 1, 1921, the coasting trade, exclusive of the trade on the Great Lakes, has increased 2,558,041 gross tons. During the same seven years the total seagoing tonnage has decreased 1,979,684 gross tons.

During the year 969 vessels of 257,180 gross tons were built and documented, and on July 1, 1928, there were building or under contract to build in U.S. shipyards 483 vessels of 264,410 gross tons. The corresponding figures for 1927 were 882 vessels of 245,122 gross tons built and 230 vessels of 219,044 gross tons under contract to build.

The new tonnage include 12 steel passenger steamers of 74,258 gross tons, 4 steel cargo steamers of 32,228 gross tons, 2 steel tankers of 13,116 gross tons, and 1 ferry of 2,767 gross tons, aggregating 123,389 gross tons.

On June 30, 1928, the laid-up seagoing tonnage of the United States aggregated 760 vessels of 3,145,113 gross tons, as against 751 vessels of 3,033,452 gross tons on June 30, 1927.

Pointing out that the United States is the only maritime nation of importance that has not a load line law, but permits its ships to

go to sea with no Federal precautions as to the depths to which they may load, the report recommends immediate enactment of the bill already passed by the Senate and now before the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

U.S. shipping interests are dependent on foreign rules and regulations for the fixing of load lines for their vessels and must make use of such regulations if they are to avoid penalties and costly delays in the ports of nations which have recognised by their laws the importance of this safeguard to life and property."

It is declared by Commissioner Tyner, "Aside from the importance of relieving our commerce of liability to delays and difficulties because of lack of legislation of this nature, the matter of the safety of crews is important."

"It should not be possible for vessels, U.S. or foreign, to place additional profit through excessive loads ahead of the safety of those on board."

The report also recommends clarification and extension of the steamboat inspection laws to cover the increasing number of large vessels propelled by internal combustion engines, and concludes:

"There are now in operation 86 such sea-going vessels of 1,000 tons and over, aggregating more than 232,000 gross tons, and there were built during the past year 624 motor vessels with an aggregate of 43,859 gross tons. When our inspection laws were passed motor vessels were practically unknown and in the interest of safety of life and property such large sea-going motor vessels should be subject to full inspection, equipment and manning."

PASSENGERS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

During the month of December, 1928, 134,394 passengers arrived in Hong Kong but 147,091 departed. These returns of passengers are made up as follows:

Arrivals

Ocean steamers ... 46,616
 River steamboats ... 81,932
 Junks and launches ... 5,846

Departures

Ocean steamers ... 48,642
 River steamboats ... 92,061
 Junks and launches ... 6,388

147,091

It will be seen that the arrivals by ocean steamers are less than the departures. This indicates that more Chinese have departed for abroad than have arrived here. As the departures by river steamboats exceed the arrivals, it is presumed that such returning emigrants have gone back to the country forthwith, also that a number of transient residents in the Colony have also returned to "up-country," an indication that conditions in the adjacent provinces have improved.

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The P. & O. ss. "Kiddarpore" left Singapore for this port on Jan 3 at 7 a.m. and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of France" is due at Hong Kong this afternoon, and leaves Hong Kong to-morrow at 5 p.m.

The P. & O. ss. "Benytracie" from Middlesbrough, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on Jan. 17.

The M.V. "Nippon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co. Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Dec. 24, and is due here on or about Jan. 31.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" left Suez on Jan. 1 at 7 p.m. is due at Bombay on Jan. 10 at 7 a.m., and is expected here on Feb. 18 at 8 a.m.

Projected departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd. are as follows:

Sailings From Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Peking" from Europe, January 25.

S.S. "City of Peking" Shanghai and Japan ports, January 25.

S.S. "Peking" from New York, February 1.

S.S. "Peking" Saigon, February 8.

LOCAL SHIPPING

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Aradura (8,401) British, from Melbourne, Manila—MacMachrie & Co., Ltd.—94 passengers, 789 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,907 tons (through).

Sarpedon (6,021) British, from Liverpool, Singapore—B. & S.—2,527 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,870 tons (through), 34 passengers.

Talibula (6,514) British, from Tacoma, Milne—B. & S.—1,081 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Gleniffer (6,021) British, from Vladivostok, Shanghai—J. M.—7 passengers, 8,850 tons general cargo (through).

City of Lahore (4,463) British, from Shanghai—Bank Line—6 passengers, 85 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,420 tons (through).

Sealuna (1,571) British, from Swatow—Foo Nam Navigation—419 passengers, 600 tons general cargo (through).

Yunnan (1,206) British, from Canton—B. & S.—400 tons general cargo (through).

Linan (1,356) British, from Shanghai, Canton—B. & S.—6 passengers, 65 tons general cargo (through).

Chekiang (1,313) British, from Shanghai, Amoy—B. & S.—190 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 700 tons (through), 10 passengers.

Hai Yang (1,363) British, from Foochow, Amoy, Swatow—Douglas, Lapraik Co.—104 passengers, 300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hydrangen (561) British, from Swatow—Ciblu On—283 passengers, 136 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 700 tons (through), 10 passengers.

Hano (630) French, from Haiphong, Fort Bayard—M. M.—390 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 19 passengers.

Arca (1,840) Norwegian, from Tsingtao, Canton—Kai Hing.

Altai Maru (4,846) Japanese, from Otaru, Shanghai—O. S. K.—785 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,301 tons (through).

Times Maru (1,304) Japanese, from Honkoko—M. B. K.—1,900 tons salt for Hong Kong.

Hozan Maru (1,388) Japanese, from Keelung, Swatow—O. S. K.—12 passengers, 450 tons coal, 51 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Shiu Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao—Hoo Hing—25 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Lee Cheung (163) Chinese, from Sammel—Fook Hoi—119 passengers, 20 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures

For Singapore—Perseus, Taima, Gleniffer.

For Swatow—Tai Shun, Haining.

For Macao—Tak Hing, Shiu Hing.

Arrivals

British 11 8

French 1 1

Norwegian 1 0

Japanese 3 2

Chinese 2 4

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ALIPORE	5,273	24th Jan. 2nd Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay. Bombay, Marseilles & London.
MOREA	10,963	7th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KIDDERPORE	5,334	10th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Hull.
KASHGAR	9,005	12th Feb.	M'selles, London, A'werp, R'dam & Hamburg.
MACEONIA	11,120	2nd Mar.	M'selles, London, A'werp, R'dam & Hamburg.
PADUA	5,907	9th Mar.	M'selles, London, A'werp, R'dam & Hamburg.

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SANTHIA	7,754	29th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	6th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKLIWA	7,938	13th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TAKA	6,649	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALAMBA	8,018	4th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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AKAFUTA	6,000	1st Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island.
TANDA	6,955	1st Mar.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th Mar.	

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S. S.	Tons	From Hong Kong About	Destination
KIDDERPORE	5,334	11th Jan. Daylight	Moji & Kobe.
TILAWA	10,000	14th Jan.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	18th Jan.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
PADUA	5,907	24th Jan.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKLIWA	7,938	20th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKADA	6,649	25th Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MIRZAPORE	6,715	29th Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
MACEONIA	11,120	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANIA	6,055	6th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,018	11th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KIIVA	9,195	16th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALIMA	11,000	18th Feb.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAKA	10,986	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NAZORE	5,283	4th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	8th Mar.	Shanghai.
NALEERA	10,088	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

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ADMIRALTY CASE.

JUDGMENT FOR OWNER OF

"POO TIE"

CLAIM FOR NECESSARIES

Judgment for the defendant, with costs, was given in the Supreme Court, Admiralty Jurisdiction yesterday, by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Collan, C.B.E., K.C.), in the case in which Messrs. Cheung Wo & Co., ship-chandlers, sued the Chinese ss. "Poo Tie" (owned by Mr. Chan Tsoo-yuk), for \$3,077.81, for necessaries alleged to have been supplied.

His Lordship said he regretted that plaintiffs should have to suffer as much as they had because they had acted in perfectly good faith, but he did not think they had brought the liability home to the defendant.

Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Mr. F. H. Loseby) was for plaintiffs, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (instructed by Mr. X. C. Almada) was for defendant.

PASSENGER LISTS.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived by the ss. "Aurora" on January 8 from Australia and ports were:-

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. S. Boyce, Miss N. Boyce, Mrs. S. Kingsbury, Miss M. D. Stocks, Professor Sir A. Strong, Mr. D. Vizier, Hon. F. W. Pincock, Miss H. D. Alexander.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong from United Kingdom via Singapore by the ss. "Sarpedon" to-day were:-

Mr. A. Denholm, Mrs. J. M. Doubie, Mrs. K. Dowd, Capt. R. G. Featherstonhaugh, Miss A. Freeman, Mrs. E. F. Gude, Miss M. E. V. Gude, Mr. C. J. Mayo, Mrs. H. O. Maas, Master P. Maas, Miss J. Maas, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Adams, Miss M. Adams, Mr. T. D. Adams, Mr. R. C. Aftkenhead, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Bolitho, Master R. G. Bolitho, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Boyce, Dr. and Mrs. C. N. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harrison, Mrs. C. B. Holgate, Miss J. A. Macdermid, Miss M. H. Rose, Mrs. L. K. Scott, Miss G. M. Scott, Miss L. K. Scott, Master B. Scott, and Mr. G. H. Wright.

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All claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Under-signed on or before 19th January, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Saturday, 12th January, 1929, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe, on the 10th January, 1929, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-signed before the 15th January, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

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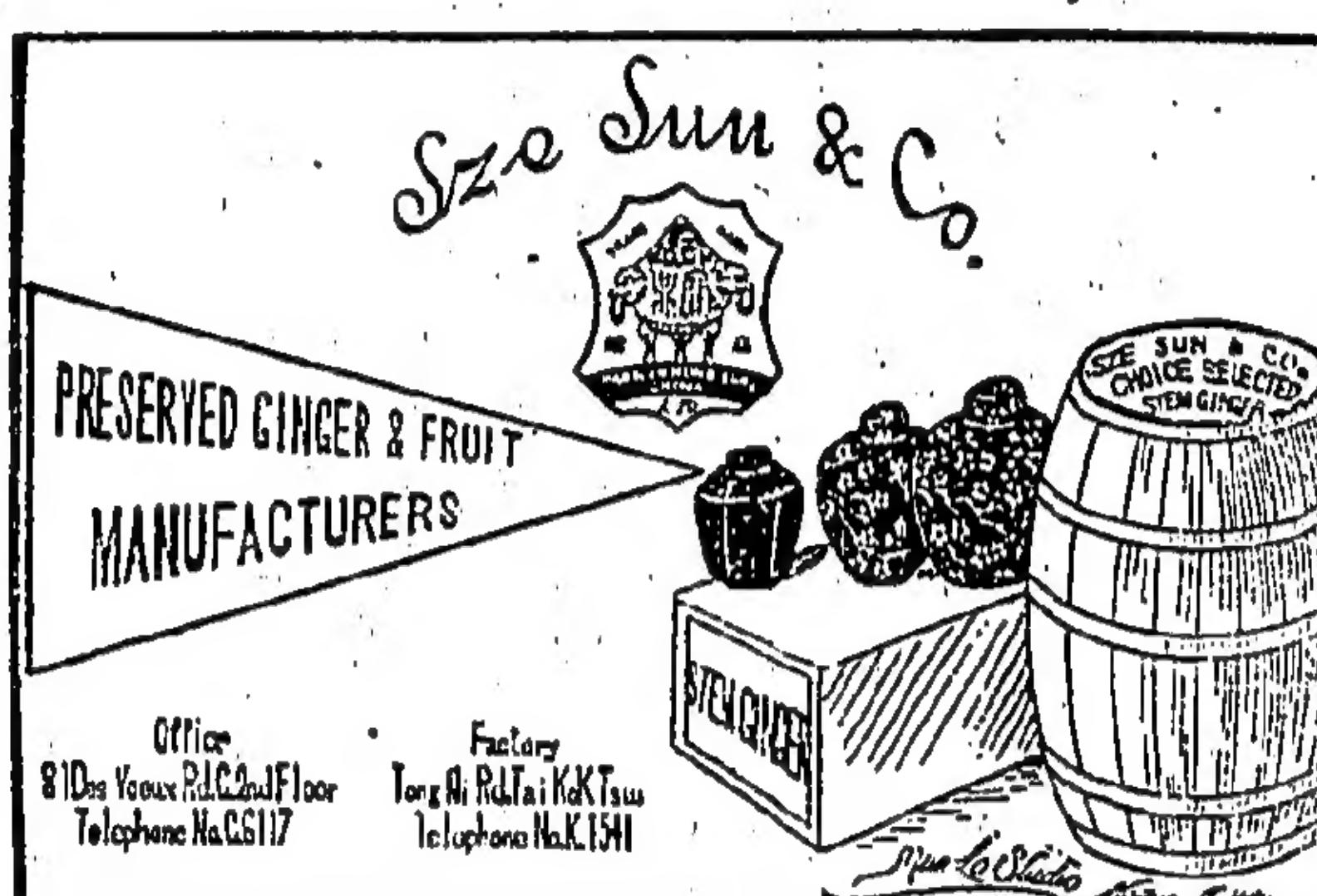
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is, in fact, extremely weak, and even in the most favourable circumstances it can hardly be expected that he will reach anything like normal health for a long time to come.

Many matters have been made clearer during His Majesty's illness, and none more so than the fact that he is greatly beloved and even more popular than was generally believed. It has been made perfectly clear that His Majesty has greatly endeared himself to all by the quiet and conscientious manner with which he has discharged his multifarious duties. He has, more than most monarchs, passed through supremely serious national crises, and has emerged from them with enhanced reputation as a wise and helpful sovereign.

Well Done, Tientsin! To those who give any consideration at all to matters of this kind, it must have been a melancholy thought that, over the Christmas and New Year holidays and celebrations, and throughout that period of the fullsome expression of good-will and prosperity, there were in the Homeland just upon one million souls—miners and their dependents—in a state of destitution from what was collected for them through the Lord Mayors' Fund. And it must have been a thought more melancholy that the suggestion thrown out in the local Press that an appeal should be instituted was ignored. Tientsin, we are glad to observe, has not regarded the poverty of the miners so cold-bloodedly, in that the senior British journal of the Port—"The Peking and Tientsin Times"—has opened its columns for the acknowledgment of donations and an official of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has taken charge of the fund—in the capacity of honorary treasurer. Around one thousand dollars had been collected by Boxing Day, and the fund was then advertised to remain open for another ten days, so there are indications that a tidy sum in all was received. Also, we are glad to note, the subscription-list, although primarily addressed to members of the British community, contains the names of Americans and Russians, as well as such organizations as the Tientsin Rotary Club and the London Mission.

Science is the widening thought of man, working on an hypothesis of universal intelligence towards universal intelligence, and religion is the soul, escaping from the labyrinth of matter to the light and love of the infinite; on the heights they meet and are at peace.—Bishop Spalding.

No fewer than eleven doctors have been in attendance, at one time or another, and as all of them are specialists each brought his particular expert knowledge into play towards the task of bringing the royal patient back to as sound a state of health as might reasonably be expected in the circumstances. His Majesty is still far from perfectly well.

A branch of the Chartered Bank has been opened at Dairen, Dahliu, South Manchuria.

The Burns' anniversary dinner will be held in the "Volunteer Headquarters" Hall on Friday, January 25 at 8 p.m.

Found guilty on a charge of failing to exhibit regulation lights on board on January 8, the master of a trading junk was fined \$5 at the Marine Court this morning.

The mistress and foki of a passenger boat who were charged with depositing rubbish in the harbour on January 8, were, this morning, each fined \$5 at the Marine Court.

Pleading guilty to a charge of carrying cargo—30 tons of petrol—contrary to the harbour regulations, on board a passenger boat, the mistress of the boat was fined \$20 or three weeks' hard labour, by Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning.

We have received from the American Express Co. a beautiful calendar illustrating a painting from the brush of Walter L. Greene, Westward Bound, in the Mohawk Valley" which depicts the "Twentieth Century Limited," (New York Central Lines) at sunset speeding on its way from New York to Chicago through the historic and beautiful valley of Mohawk.

The s.s. "President Jackson" will arrive here on February 25 on the 1929 Oriental art cruise under the leadership of Dr. Herbert H. Gowen, of the University of Washington. The countries to be covered are Japan, Chosen, Manchuria, China and the Philippines. The party will leave Hong Kong for Manila by the s.s. "President Taft" on March 2.

A free lecture on Christian Science will be given under the auspices of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong, by W. Stuart Booth, C.S.B., of Denver, (member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts) in the old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, on Monday, January 21, at 5.45 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE

AT THE THEATRE

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir,—I agree with every word of "Play-Goer's" letter in yesterday's "China Mail." Some people—very many alas!—are simply unconscionable in occupying their seats so late when a performance is on: 9.15 p.m., which is the starting time of the present series of "Shavian" plays, should not be too late for most people; but for Peak residents, probably 9.30 would be more suitable. The 9 o'clock tram is the one in which most Peak residents rush down to the theatre, and its arrival at its destination at 9.7 leaves little time to reach the theatre, for one to deposit one's things in the cloak room and to get one's seat comfortably. I think that, on the whole, 9.30 would be the most convenient time to start entertainments at the Theatre Royal, but it is possible that such a late start might mean too late a finish.

Yours, etc.,

THESPIAN.

Hong Kong, Jan. 9, 1929.

LORD TENNYSON

ELDEST SON OF THE POET PASSES AWAY

Lord Tennyson, son of the famous poet, died last month, aged 76, at his home in Freshwater, Isle of Wight. He had been ill for about a week with congestion of the lungs.

He succeeded by his son, Hon. Lionel Hallam Tennyson, the cricketer.

Lord Tennyson was Governor of South Australia from 1899 to 1902, the first Acting Governor-General of Australia in 1902, the Governor-General from 1902 to 1904. He wrote a life of Lord Tennyson, the poet, and edited the Eversley edition of his works.

The new Lord Tennyson, who is 39, is the only surviving son, his two brothers having been killed in the war. He served from 1914 till 1918, was wounded three times and twice mentioned in despatches.

He played cricket for England in South Africa in 1918, 1914, and 1924-25. He has captained the Hampshire XI for several years, and in 1921 led the English side at home against Australia. Before his father's illness, he had arranged to go on a West Indian tour.

He has three sons, the eldest, born in 1919.

MACDONALD PLAYERS

MAN AND SUPERMAN AT THE THEATRE ROYAL

TOPSY-TURVY THEORIES

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, when he wrote "Man and Superman," some thirty years ago, must have enjoyed himself immensely. He had at the time, it would seem, quite a lot of topsy-turvy theories to let loose, and especially through the medium of John Tanner, he certainly "let himself go." The talkative Tanner is singularly reminiscent of Shaw in his Hyde Park days when, as a red-hot, red-haired, fiery Socialist, he denounced and defied the conventionalities to his heart's content.

In "Man and Superman" Shaw's chief concern seems to be to tell the world what everybody knew quite well enough—that if there were such a piquant personality as a "superman" then surely that personality must be "a woman!"

Alluring Ideas

So Shaw gives us a three act play all about this alluring paradox. Woman, not man, is the seeker in the mating business, the hussress impelled by the "life force," ruthless in her quest. Mere man is but a putty in her hands, believing, poor fellow, that he is the seeker, not the sought, deluding himself with the quaint conceit that he must do his utmost to please the delicious lady of his choice else he may lose her, all the while she, with subtle guile and wile, marks him down as her prey. Quite true, even though Shaw says so. Woman's tender, gentle and exquisite charm, sweet sympathy, ready and willing helpfulness, sound and sensible practicality, joyful happiness in prosperity, loyal devotion in adversity do not exist. So Shaw seems to think, but who thinks so with him?

Customary Ruthlessness

In "Man and Superman" Shaw proceeds with his fanciful theories with customary ruthlessness. It is all very amusing and Miss Daphne Carr, as Ann Whitefield, acted very ably. Hers is the outstanding part of the cast. Mr. Terence O'Brien was much happier as John Tanner, the Professor of Phonetics, in Pygmalion, and rattled off his lines in great style. His reference to Polonius started us into thinking that he was under the impression that he was soliloquizing Shakespeare! Mr. O'Brien is a thoroughly experienced actor and, last night, was largely responsible for the delightfully manner in which the play passed off. As Roebuck Ramsden Mr. Stanley Drewett had a part that suited him admirably and he played it excellently. He is a fine and finished actor. So also is Mr. A. S. Homewood who, as a disgruntled Irishman of U.S.A., was splendid. Special mention must be made of Miss Joan Blair's performance of Mrs. Whitefield, who appeared as a phenomenally old and, at times, a quaintly catish old lady. The minor parts were likewise capably performed, and the play, appropriately presented, afforded a pleasant evening's entertainment.

To-night, the Macdonald Players will present the well-known "Candida."

TERENCE O'BRIEN

Played in Hong Kong in 1912 with Matheson Lang

How many of Hong Kong's theatre-goers recognised in Mr. Terence O'Brien of the Macdonald Players here for the Shawian season, a member of Mr. Matheson Lang's company in the same theatre as long ago as 1912?

It needs an Irishman to interpret Shaw's plays and Mr. O'Brien does it so successfully that one would think he was as satisfied with his work as his listeners. But this by no means

was the case.

In the House of Commons, where he sat as Unionist member for the Basingstoke division of Hampshire from 1906 to 1917, he was regarded as a debater who might be listened to with advantage on his own particular subjects. He was called to the Bar in 1886, was made a K.C. in 1904, and went to the Bench in 1917.

As a judge he was stern rather than severe, quiet, expeditious, and business-like.

It fell to his lot to try the Victoria Bond Club case against Mr. Horatio Bottomley at the Old Bailey in May, 1922.

Mr. Justice Salter made few, if any, jokes from the Bench, but his nickname "Dry Salter," current among some of his legal friends, was not justified by any real lack of humour.

He was the son of a doctor and was twice married. His first wife died in 1917. Their only son, aged 19, was killed in France in 1918. In 1920, he married Miss Norah Constance Ouchterlony, daughter of the late Lt.-Col. T. H. Ouchterlony, who, with a daughter by his first wife, survives him.

Favourite Parts

"My favourite Shaw parts are John Tanner in 'Man and Superman,' the artist Louis Dubedat in 'The Doctor's Dilemma,' and Napoleon in 'The Man of Destiny.' In order to join the Macdonald Players I closed my production of August Strindberg's 'The Father,' a very remarkable play which attracted much attention in England. This was the actual London production from the stage and Apollo Theatre, which I was touring with arrangements with Madame Miller and Miss Valda Valkyrie Morris."

"Mr. Shaw wrote me a very nice letter of appreciation when I left the Macdonald Players after my first association with them. I thought I wanted a change. I had not been in London four days when there came the offer of another engagement, but to my surprise I found I was wanted to appear in Shaw's 'Back to Methuselah'; owing to another engagement, I also found myself unable to accept Sybil Thorndike's offer to play in 'St. Joan.'"

This Tour and the Other

Asked to speak about the present tour Mr. O'Brien said:—

"Shaw makes money. Shakespeare spells ruin' is a catchword among producers. This present tour is an educative one, and we are doing the spadework for future companies."

"We left London in October. We broke records in Colombo, Madras, and elsewhere. And we hope to reach Peking before turning back."

Mr. O'Brien has acted for Mr. Charles Macdonald on many previous occasions.

Some of the parts he played in Mr. Matheson Lang's touring company out here were Lorenzo in "The Merchant of Venice," Laertes in "Hamlet" and Brachiano in "Much Ado about Nothing."

He has had very extensive experience in principal parts, having been leading man in most of the Repertory Companies in Great Britain and in all the Repertory Theatres. He was at the Old Vic playing such parts as Othello, Hamlet and Petruchio, with Sybil Thorndike.

In South Africa

Some of his other work includes leading parts in Birmingham Repertory Theatre productions in London, notably the first production of "Back to Methuselah," Shaw's great play which took five nights to perform. He was especially engaged by Sir Barry Jackson to play Genesis in the only English production so far of "The Comedian" by Henri Gheon.

He also played for a long time Oswald in "Ghosts" in London and in the provinces. He was one of the leading actors in the first Benson-Shakespeare company, which visited South Africa, and he has been associated in London theatres with the late Sir Herbert Tree, the late Arthur Bourchier, Tom Walls and J. B. Fagan, under whose management he played Orsino in the production of "Twelfth Night" which holds the record for the longest run this particular Shakespeare play has ever had.

During the last few years, Mr. O'Brien played and produced in London, and finally last spring he went into management on his own account and took Strindberg's play, "The Father" into the provinces after its very successful production in London.

JUDGE'S DEATH

SIR A. CLAVELL
SALTER

The death took place suddenly last month of Mr. Justice Salter at his London home in Queen Anne's Mansions, Westminster. He had earlier in the day presided over the Railway and Canal Commission, of which he had been chairman for about a year.

Sir Arthur Clavell Salter, who was in his 70th year, received his judgement in the King's Bench Division when he was 58, comparatively late in life.

In the House of Commons, where he sat as Unionist member for the Basingstoke division of Hampshire from 1906 to 1917, he was regarded as a debater who might be listened to with advantage on his own particular subjects. He

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The Commission of the Crown

H.M. THE KING'S PROCLAMATION

Empowering Those to Act During His Illness

The following are the full texts, from the "London Gazette," of the Order in Council constituting the Commission to act for the King during his illness and of a Proclamation on the powers of the Commission:

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 4th day of December, 1928.

PRESENT

The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

His Majesty in Council was, this day, pleased to declare that having been stricken by illness He was unable for the time being to give due attention to the affairs of the Realm, whereupon the Draft of a Commission making provision for the summoning and holding of the Privy Council and for the transaction of other matters and things on behalf of His Majesty was this day read at the Board and approved; and His Majesty was further pleased to nominate Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., G.B.E., His Royal Highness the Duke of York, K.G., K.T., G.C.V.O., the Most Reverend Father in God Cosmo Gordon, Archbishop of Canterbury and Primate



Left to right, upper row: the Prince of Wales (the King's eldest son); Queen Mary, the Duke of York (the King's second son); lower: Lord Hailsham (Lord Chancellor), the Archbishop of Canterbury (the Primate) and the Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin (Prime Minister).

of All England, the Right Honourable Douglas McGarel, Baron Hailsham, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and the Right Honourable Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, for the purposes therein mentioned and to declare that they should be designated under the style and title of Counsellors of State.

His Majesty was also pleased by and with the advice of His Privy Council to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the Right Honourable Sir William Joynson-Hicks, Baronet, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do cause a Warrant to be prepared, for His Majesty's Royal Signature, for passing under the Great Seal of the Realm a Commission conformable to the said Draft which is hereunto annexed.

M. P. A. Hankey.

George the Fifth, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India; To all Archbishops, Bishops, Marquesses, Earls, Viscounts, Bishops, Barons, Baronets, Knights, Citizens and Burgesses and all other Officers, Ministers and subjects that in anything pertaining to the matters above-mentioned they be attendant, counsellors and helpers to Our said Counsellors and Our said Consort and Our said Councillors The Prince of Wales, The Duke of York, Archbishop of Canterbury, Baron Hailsham and Stanley Baldwin, any three of them until the further signification of Our Royal Pleasure, to summon and hold on Our behalf Our Privy Council, and to signify thereto Our approval of any matter or thing, to which Our approval in Council is required, and to approve and sign on Our behalf any document requiring Our signature and further to do on Our behalf any matter or thing which appears to them necessary or expedient to do in Our be-

WILLIAM HEUGHAN

WORLD FAMOUS ACTOR-SINGER

COMING HERE

"He came, he sang, he conquered, is the way to write it when speaking of Heughan, the incomparable Actor-Singer," wrote a well-known critic of one of Heughan's recent appearance in America. "It was not only his magnificent voice, the equal of which is seldom heard anywhere, it was not his perfectly delightful personality—though that is practically as matchless as his voice—but in addition to both these attractions, Heughan possesses the power of creating atmosphere. He has the gift, all too rarely seen, of creating a setting that is simply perfect for the thing he does. And that makes one stop to think what it is he does?"

He sings, he acts—yes, more than that, he lives the thing he is putting over. Mind and heart, soul and body, all are engaged in interpreting the life of the people he is singing about. It is useless to try and tell what his voice is like. It must be heard, because words are not sufficiently expressive. It is a big voice, a musical voice, soft and gentle voice, a winsome voice, a lifting laughing voice, or it is stern, sorrowful, pleading, triumphant, hopeless, reverent—it is, anything he wishes to make it, and at all times it reaches the heart and commands a response. He is prodigious—undoubtedly a genius with a superb voice, a most winsome smile, and a personality that has no equal on the concert stage to-day."

High Praise

All that is high praise even for an artist of Heughan's powers, yet there is no doubt that all who had the pleasure of hearing him on the occasion of his last visit to this city, when touring the Orient in 1925 as part of a world tour, will agree that it is well merited, for it is doubtful if a more popular and compelling artist has ever visited the East. The enthusiastic crowds which have attended each of the concerts so far given prove that he left a lasting impression on his last visit, and the fact that he has had many capacity houses, and several instances when many had to be turned away, all goes to show that the public have not forgotten his glorious gift of song.

As associate artists he is fortunate in having secured Maud Bell, the famous English cellist, who comes here with a fine reputation secured in London, Paris, Berlin and most of the capital cities in Europe, and Gladys Sayer, the well-known pianist from the Brussels Conservatoire, whom many will remember as being associated with Heughan on his last tour. Further announcements concerning the party's stay in Hong Kong will appear shortly.

half in the interests of the safety and good government of Our Realm; save only that they, Our said Consort and Our said Counsellors The Prince of Wales, The Duke of York, Archbishop of Canterbury, Baron Hailsham, and Stanley Baldwin, shall not dissolve Parliament, or in any manner grant any rank, title, or dignity of Peerage, or act in any matter or thing on which it is dignified by Us or appears to them that such special approval should be previously obtained; and We further direct that until the further signification of Our Royal Pleasure, these Presents shall take effect notwithstanding the death or incapacity of Our said Consort or of any of Our said Counsellors. The Prince of Wales, The Duke of York, Archbishop of Canterbury, Baron Hailsham, and Stanley Baldwin, so long as three of those Counsellors remain capable of acting thereunder, Commanding all and singular Archbishops, Bishops, Marquesses, Earls, Viscounts, Knights, Citizens and Burgesses and all other Officers, Ministers and subjects that in anything pertaining to the matters above-mentioned they be attendant, counsellors and helpers to Our said Consort and Our said Councillors The Prince of Wales, The Duke of York, Archbishop of Canterbury, Baron Hailsham, and Stanley Baldwin, as it behoves them.

In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Theatre Royal; The Macdona Players present "Candida" at 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Way of All Flesh."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Escape" (at 5.10 & 9.20) Chinese Picture "4 Emancipators" (at 2.30 & 7.15).

To-day—Star Theatre; "Tess of d'Urbervilles."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "The Magic Flame" (5.20 & 9.15) Chinese picture "Lady Detective" (2.30 & 7.15).

Jan. 10—Star Theatre; Recrolo Amateur Players present "What Happened To Jones," 9.15 p.m.

Jan. 11-12—Star Theatre; "Proud Flesh."

Jan. 11-12—World Theatre; "On Your Toes."

Jan. 13-14—Queen's Theatre; "Buttons."

Jan. 13-14—World Theatre; "Ben Hur."

Jan. 13-14—Star Theatre; "The Humming Bird."

Jan. 15-16—Queen's Theatre; "Love Hungry."

Jan. 15-16—World Theatre; "The Humming Bird" (at 5.10 & 9.15); Chinese picture "The Spiders" (at 2.30 & 7.15).

Jan. 15-16—Star Theatre; "Dangerous Money."

Jan. 17-18—World Theatre; "Dangerous Money" (at 5.10 & 9.15); Chinese picture "The Spiders" (at 2.30 & 7.15).

Jan. 17-18—Star Theatre; "Proud Flesh."

Jan. 17-19—Queen's Theatre; "The Enemy."

Jan. 19-20—World Theatre; "Hot Water."

Jan. 19-20—Star Theatre; "The Love of Pharaoh."

Land Sale

Jan. 14—At P.W.D. Offices, Crown lands at Prince Edward-nd and Mong Kok Tsui, 3 p.m.

Lammer's Auctions

Jan. 14—At No. 3, Carnarvon Building, Kowloon, household furniture, 11 a.m.

Jan. 16—At Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, 150 bundles black steel sheets, 11 a.m.

Meetings

Jan. 11—Extraordinary general meeting of members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, Club House, 6 p.m.

Jan. 11—Hong Kong Football Referees' Association meeting, Chaplin's Hut, Scandal-Plt., 6 p.m.

Jan. 13—H.K.V.D.C. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club meeting, Peak Range, 9.30 a.m.

Jan. 17—Meeting of Creditors of the Hong Kong Finance & Investment Co., Ltd., at 6, Des Voeux-nd Central (4th Floor), noon.

Feb. 2—Extraordinary meeting of Shareholders of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.

Miscellaneous

Jan. 12—Opening of Grill Room in Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, by a Carnival, at 5.30 p.m. in the Rose Room.

Jan. 10-15—Search light practice for Stonemasons.

Jan. 21—First Church of Christ, Scientist, free lecture on "Christian Science," Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

Jan. 23—St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association dinner, St. Joseph's College Hall.

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RECREIO PLAYERS

PRESENT "WHAT HAPPENED
TO JONES"

GOOD PERFORMANCE

The Recreio Amateur Players scored a success at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night when they presented "What Happened to Jones," a farce in three acts by George H. Broadhurst, to a large and appreciative audience.

The happenings to Jones took place in the house of a Professor of Anatomy, into which Jones, a versatile pedlar intruded in the guise of a Bishop. Circumstances forced him to drop his professional role and impersonate the long expected cleric brother of the Professor. The Professor has three daughters, all with conflicting views, with the result that the situation bristled possibilities which were made the most of by the author and well played up to by the cast. The fun was considerably added to by the appearance of an old aunt who has great expectations in the outcome of the Bishop's visit. Her disappointment was the climax of a very merry play.

OFF WITH A SWING

The players all handled their parts with an assurance which showed thorough understanding, and the play went off with a fine swing from beginning to end.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Jr., scored a success as an amateur performer in the roles first of the bible seller and later as the bogus Bishop.

Mr. F. H. Barnes did well in the part of the old Professor, whilst Mr. Leo Gulmaraes was convincing as Richard, the betrothed of one of the Professor's daughters.

The ladies in the cast all did exceptionally well. Mrs. Elfrida Osmund da Roza, and the Misses Sylvia dos Remedios, Alda dos Remedios, Olivia Barrett, Heraida Leite and Hetty Noronha all deserve much praise for the effective way in which they handled their respective roles. They created good impressions and contributed considerably toward the success of the play. Miss Hetty Noronha was amusing in the role of Helma, the Swedish maid servant.

Messrs. O. P. dos Remedios, Al. Alvarez, J. E. Noronha and P. Nolasco da Silva, the other members of the cast also lent excellent support.

The stage settings were in the capable hands of Messrs. F. Baptista and J. C. d'Aquino, whilst thanks of the producers were due to Messrs. W. A. Hannibal and J. Robertson for assistance, and to Messrs. Lane, Crawford and the General Electric Co., for the loan of furniture and the provision of the necessary stage properties.

The play will be repeated to-morrow evening.

COLONY'S HEALTH

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE LAST
WEEK

SMALL-POX DEATHS

During last week, 80 cases of small-pox were reported to the Medical Officer of Health, 19 occurring in the city, 59 in Kowloon and 2 from the New Territory. All of the victims were Chinese and one imported.

There were 48 deaths from small-pox during the week, which is a record since the outbreak of the disease in November last.

The following table gives the weekly total:

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	26
December 8	31	16
December 14	91	29
December 21	81	22
December 28	73	38
January 4	50	48
Total	495	201

Last week's return of notifiable disease in the Colony was as follows:

Small-pox: 19 from the city, 59 from Kowloon and 2 from New Territory—total 80, 48 deaths during the week.

Diphtheria: 1 case from the city, and 1 from Kowloon—total 2 deaths during the week.

Endemic fever (typhoid): 1 case from the city 1 from Kowloon—total 2, 1 (British) death during the week.

Puerperal fever: 1 case from New Territory—total 1, 1 Chinese death during the week.

Influenza (not notifiable): 1 death during the week.

At an additional grant of £350, being made by the London County Council to the National Labour Fund, will be turned over to the National War Fund for the provision and distribution of foodstuffs and emoluments to blind persons in the County of London.

G.K.C. A MONSTER

"LOOK ON MYSELF AS A
WARNING"

AMUSING QUERY

Oxford—Mr. G. K. Chesterton had a packed audience of undergraduates, when he spoke at the inauguration of a new undergraduate club, which is to be known as the "Charles Fox Association." The new club is to be political but will adhere to no party. Its promoters, in a manifesto they have issued to undergraduates, state:

"The society stands for the propagation of a sense of proportion in national and international affairs. It appeals to that large body which thinks that it is possible to see two sides of the same political question—a body whose members have in fact joined all three of our political clubs and form the greater part of each of them."

In the course of his speech Mr. Chesterton said: "This huge problem which has arisen in our time concerning capitalism, machinery, big business, and all the rest of it has arisen since the great cry for liberty broke from mankind in the eighteenth century. Is it possible to restore to the citizens that liberty which would have been called liberty by Fox, Jefferson, and Robespierre (who was a stupid but a good man)? Can we make them economically independent of the State and of the rich? The Socialist says that under Socialism there would be no rich, but I do not believe it. If you create a large body of officials, you will be obliged to give them motor-cars to get about, and they will be good motor-cars. You will have to give them expenses, and they will be liberal in practice that the official class will be a rich class."

Mr. Chesterton was called upon to answer many questions.

An Indian undergraduate asked, amid laughter, "Is it for personal reasons that you are against large-scale production?" Mr. Chesterton said, "I look upon myself as one of those monsters, or abortions, brought forward in our time to warn people how far consolidation might go." (Laughter.)

WELL-BEHAVED BOY

IMPROVEMENT IN LAST
30 YEARS

Mr. E. T. England, Headmaster of Owen's School, Islington, who is leaving in Easter to take up a similar position at King Edward's School, Birmingham, is a champion of the modern schoolboy, who, he thinks, is superior to the boy of thirty years ago in many respects.

"I think boys are much better behaved, now than they used to be," Mr. England said during the weekend, "and the reason is that many more are receiving a secondary school education and staying at school until they are sixteen."

"There has undoubtedly been a great advance in the physical condition of English schoolboys of recent years. For this we have to thank the system of school medical inspections and gymnasiums."

"There is still room for improvement, however, and I do not think England will reach a stage of perfection in this respect until a national college of physical training, at which teachers themselves can receive instruction, exists. Such a move is at present under consideration."

THE "TALKIES"

MISS BALFOUR NOT A
BELIEVER IN THEM

Vienna—Miss Betty Balfour, who has arrived here with Mr. Jack Trevor to appear in the new film "Champagne," which has been written for her, has declared very emphatically that she does not believe in "speaking" films.

"Neither she nor Mr. Trevor, who is to be her vis-à-vis, in "Champagne," has ever before been in Vienna, and before hard work begins they have been putting in all the time available seeing the sights. Climbing the cathedral spire over 500 feet high, was one of their first enterprises.

Diphtheria: 1 case from the city, and 1 from Kowloon—total 2 deaths during the week.

Endemic fever (typhoid): 1 case from the city 1 from Kowloon—total 2, 1 (British) death during the week.

Puerperal fever: 1 case from New Territory—total 1, 1 Chinese death during the week.

Influenza (not notifiable): 1 death during the week.

An old woman was admitted to St. James's Hospital, Valencia, poorly clad, bedraggled, and apparently very ill. She held tenaciously to an old crocheted bag with blue buttons, and it was with difficulty that the hospital staff got her into bed.

The contents of the bag were afterwards found to be a quantity of gold, a tortoise shell case containing a number of old Indian coins, and a quantity of jewelry.

The gold and jewels amounted to £1,000, and the old woman was found to be a widow of 80 years of age.

CLYDE'S CHANCES

COMPANY'S POLICY AND
PROGRAMME

POST-WAR VESSELS

The tenor of the following statement would appear to indicate that the Clyde will again share in pending orders for Canadian Pacific Liners. The announcement of the names of the builders to whom will be entrusted the construction of the C.P.R.'s new vessels for the British Columbia coastal service will, it is expected, be made within the next fortnight.

The "Journal of Commerce" says the "Clyde again might be expected to share in future orders."

A SPURT IN MIGRATION

Glasgow—A hint was given on board the Canadian Pacific liner "Duchess of Atholl," at Greenock, that the shipbuilding programme of the C.P.R. in this country, is by no means completed, and that the Clyde again might be expected to share in future orders.

The occasion was a visit of inspection by Pres. representatives to the recently built liner on her final trip to St. John, N.B., prior to proceeding, on January 4, on a cruise from Liverpool to South America and South Africa. The vessel is commanded by Captain Guy Hamilton, a native of Saltcoats.

In the course of the visit Mr.

L. M. Duffy, agent in Scotland for the Canadian Pacific Company, mentioned that the many orders

placed by the company with ship-

building yards on the Clyde were an

indication of confidence in the

progress and development of

Canada. The entire Dominion had

participated in the wave of prosperity which had been dominant this year—a year which would be historic in the matter of industrial development in Western Canada.

A RECORD

The present shipbuilding pro-

gramme of the Canadian Pacific, he

observed, had been a record in the

activities of any steamship company

in the world. Since the War the

C.P.R. had spent 17 million pounds

on new ships, including the recently

ordered "Empress of Britain" and

"Empress of Japan," and practically

the whole of this gigantic total had

been or would be expended on the

Clyde. The 40,000-ton "Empress of

Britain" and the 25,000-ton

"Empress of Japan" alone would

cost practically five million pounds

and in addition the "Empress of

Canada" was now on her way over

to the Pacific Ocean to Fairfield

to be re-engined.

There was, therefore, some justifi-

cation for the assertion that the

C.P.R. was the best friend the

Clyde ever had. He hoped within

the next fortnight to be able to

announce the successful contractors

for the two new passenger vessels

of 351 feet for the C.P.R.'s British

Columbia coastal service. Scheduled

were now issued, and there was

every hope that the orders would

come to Clydeside.

Alluding to future developments

he stated that the policy of the

company was to keep abreast of

the latest advances of marine archi-

tecture and engineering, and nothing

but the very best in steamship de-

sign would suffice. Their aim



TO-DAY'S SOCCER

INTERPORT PRACTICE GAME

LEAGUE MATCHES

An Interport practice game will take place at 4.30 p.m. to-day, the following meeting a Royal Navy eleven on the H.K.C.C. ground:—

Clarke; Wynne (Capt.) and Lal Yuk Tat; C. F. Remedios, Hill and Heidley; Larkin, A. Gosano, Gold-man, Suen Kam-shun and Rocha.

Interport practices will take place on the Hong Kong F.C. ground every Tuesday and Thursday under Mr. R. Campbell.

Trial games will be played on Wednesdays until the Chinese New Year. All games will be played on the Hong Kong F. C. ground.

Hong Kong League

Small Units and R. A. meet on the Sookumpoo ground in a Division I. League match at 4 p.m. to-day. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

Mid-week League

(Kick-off at 4 p.m.)

P.W.D. Chinese v. China Athletic, China Athletic ground. Referee: Cpl. Shand.

Hong Kong Police v. Hung Kui School, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Sgt. Bunting.

Lam Long Wan v. South China, Caroline Hill, ground. Referee: Cpl. Lees.

The above games complete the fixtures in the Mid-week League. Two games have been ordered to be replayed, South China v. Ewo and South China v. Hung Kui School. Dates to be arranged.

M.C.L. SOCCER MATCH

The special M.C.L. Football Match, The Army versus The Rest of the Colony, resulted in a sum of \$1,150.44 being handed over to the Ministering Children's League. The Committee are very grateful, to all who supported this match and helped to provide this splendid donation.

RUGBY

The Hong Kong Football Club (Rugby Section) will field the following team against Mr. Mattingley's Services XV. on Saturday at 4 p.m. at Happy Valley:—S. J. Fox; H. G. Mills, G. A. L. Plummer, H. V. Koop (Capt.), R. H. Dowler; J. L. Bonnar, V. V. L. Stanton; P. L. P. Thomas, H. F. Akehurst, W. Lithgow Smith, J. Riddell, E. R. West, B. P. Masey, W. Everidge, R. P. Moodie. Referee: H. F. L. Ewin. There will be a full practice to-morrow at 5.15 p.m.

That's a very promising lad.—Carpenter on Dave Forbes, the Scottish boxer.

Suzanne Retires



Mme. Suzanne Lenglen. In a letter to French newspaper, the greatest of women tennis stars adheres to her determination to let her fame rest on the unequalled record of eight years' supremacy on the courts. Above, a superb action photo of Lenglen playing as a professional, and a portrait made on the occasion of her 23rd birthday.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government radio station on the Peak, the wave-length being 300 metres. The call sign of the station is G.O.W.

5.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m.—Evening Programme (H.M. & Victor Records).

"La Boheme," "Fantasia," "Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Blue Danube," "Waltz," "Cavatina,"

"Organ Solo Arthur Meale, "Going The Pace That Kills," John Henry, Comedian.

"Worryin," "Happy,"

De Groot and The Piccadilly Orchestra, "La Source Ballet," Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Senorita," "They Called It You," Melville Gleeson, Baritone.

"Gems from 'Rio Rita,'" "Gems from 'Maryland,'" Victor Light Opera Company.

"The Hair," Related by Bewick Rolland.

"I've Something In the Bottle," "Same As His Father Was Before Him,"

Sir Harry Lauder, "Ballet Egyptian Suite," Victor Concert Orchestra.

"Mrs. Cohen At The Beach," Humorous Monologue, Fanny Brice.

"The Sweetest Story Ever Told," "Simple Aven," Neopolitan Trio.

"Vocal Gem From The Bohemian Girl," H.M.V. Light Opera Company.

"Shepherd Hey," "Molley On The Shore," Royal Opera Orchestra Covent Garden.

"Love Lies," "Just Like Darby And Joan," Organ Solo, Reginald Foort.

"My Laddie," "Such a Lit' Fellow," Alma Gluck Soprano.

10 p.m.—News Bulletin, "Stradella," Overture.

Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Cohen On The Telephone," "Cohen Rings Up His Tailor," Tom Clare, Entertainer.

"Lohengrin," "Prelude, Wagner, Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"The Monkey's Paw," Related by Bewick Rolland.

Dance Music, God Save The King.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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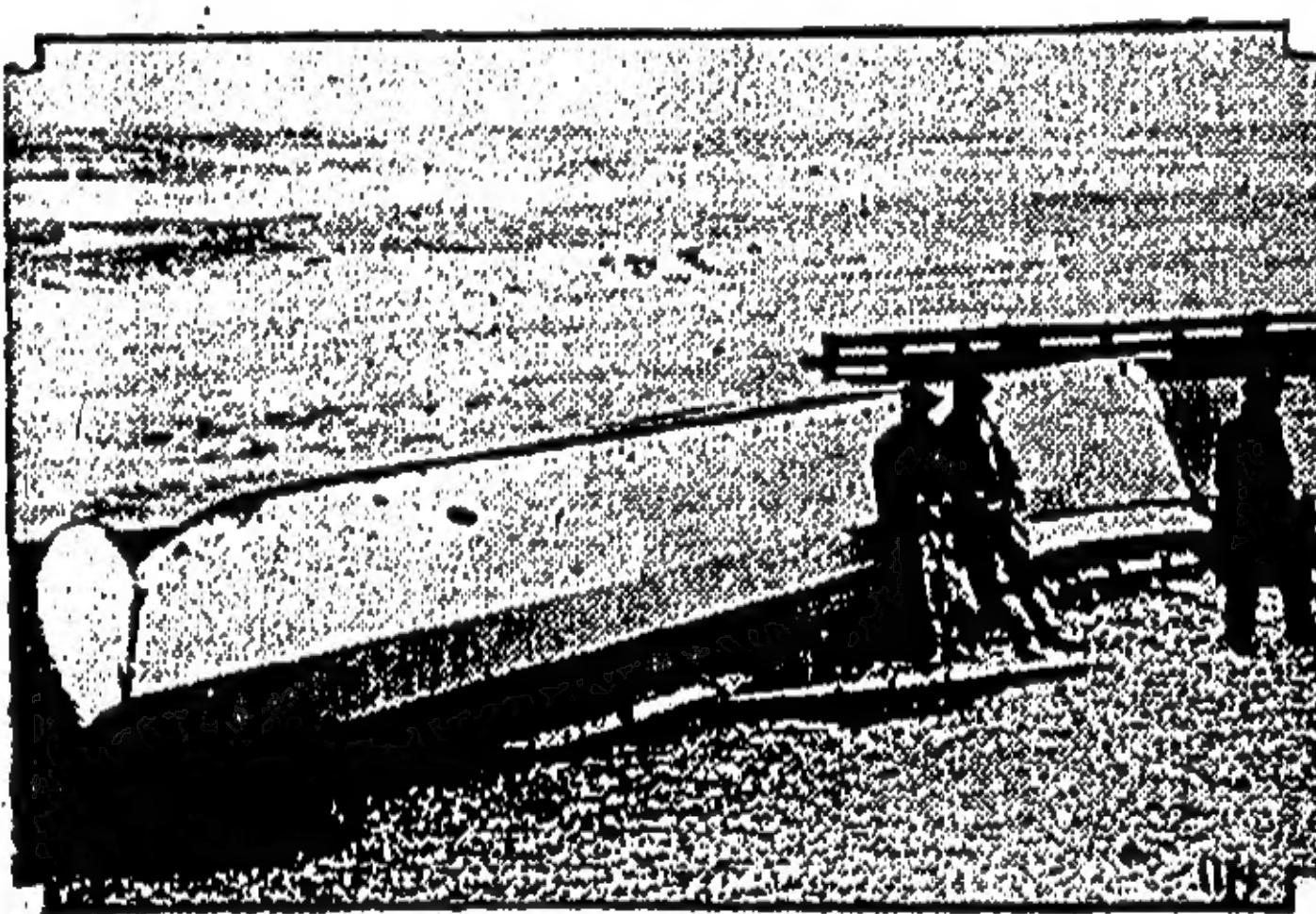
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Cinderella in Real Life!



Mr. John R. Lawson-Johnson, a wealthy member of an old English family and reported heir to £8,000,000, with his bride, the former Miss Betty McCormick, an American showgirl. Their honeymoon is to be a tour around the world. The bridegroom's former wife was Miss Barbara Guggenheim, the daughter of the noted copper magnate. They were divorced.

British Lifeboat Disaster



Rowing back to Rye harbour in England after answering an S.O.S., seventeen of the crew of the lifeboat "Mary Stanford" were drowned when their craft capsized in the English Channel. The fatality plunged into mourning nearly every household in the fishing village of Rye. Photo shows the overturned lifeboat as it was washed ashore.

Italian Gunners' Training



Scaling over the loftiest peaks in course of their training becomes second nature to Italian artillerymen, a detachment of whom is shown in the above picture high up on the mountains in Northern Italy with mortars ready for action. The picture is one in a series taken by order of Il Duce for illustrating correct mountain technique.

Her Secret



One of the latest photos of Miss Florence Trumbull, who finally admitted to friends that she is engaged to Mr. John Coolidge, son of the President and Mrs. Coolidge. She would not discuss the wedding date.

Screen Stars Marry



John Barrymore and Dolores Costello, both famous screen stars, as they appeared after their marriage.

Proposed on the 'Phone

Hero of the Sea



Michael O'Loughlin, the gallant Irish wireless operator of the ill-fated "Vestris." He stuck to his post and went down with the ship.

Gem Plot



William Ballyn (above), steward of the a.s. "Berengaria," and Policeman John T. McIntyre were accused in a gem smuggling plot which U.S. officials believe may run into millions. The former confessed to carrying more than £65,000 worth of gems from the United States with James McCormick, the millionaire heir to the McCormick fortune, and the two men were arrested.



Zelma O'Neal, who left the London stage to marry Anthony Bushell, an actor, who proposed over the telephone. They're shown here after the wedding ceremony.

Prince As "Best Man"



Given a royal welcome by the Chinese Government, the Prince of Wales (left) and the Duke of York (right) are shown in Hong Kong. The Prince is the best man at the wedding of the Chinese Emperor's son, Prince Chun, to a Japanese princess.

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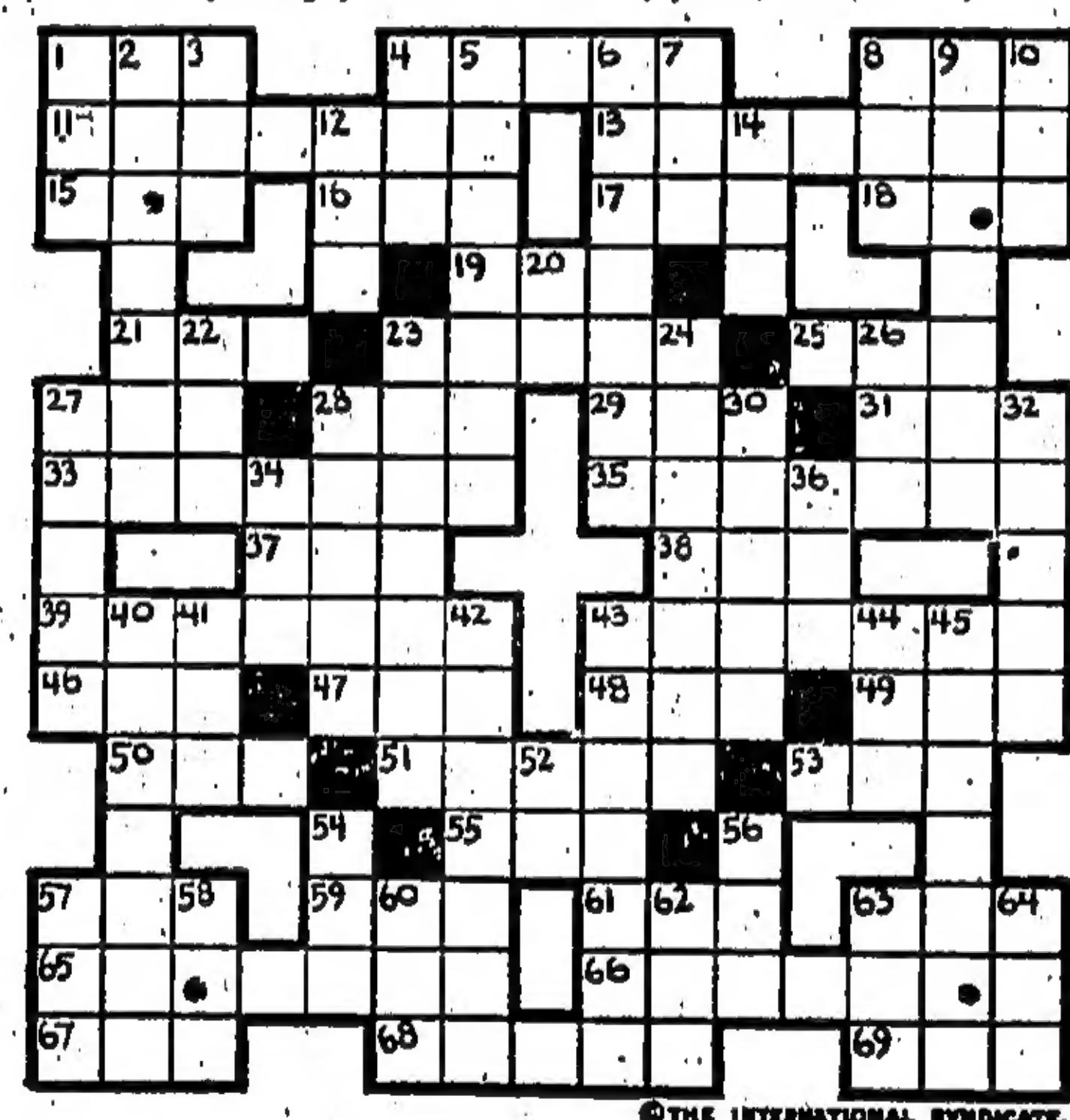
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL		HORIZONTAL (Cont.)		VERTICAL (Cont.)	
1-A	Arabian garment	45-Stormed	22-Conjunction	22-A pirate	
4-Entrances to mine	8-Girl's name	46-Short for "Gymnasium"	23-Like a tooth	24-The (German)	
8-Hall (Latin)	11-A porch	47-Grassy field	25-A boat (Italian)	27-A policeman (Eng. slang)	
12-Particular to Homer	13-Particular to Homer	48-Cry of the sheep	28-Corn-meal mush (Mex.)	30-Mohammedan sacred scripture	
15-Large deer	16-To pull	49-Noted Italian composer	31-Extinct New Zealand bird	34-Extinct New Zealand bird	
17-Greek long E	18-Hall (Latin)	50-Half minute stone	35-A river and lake, S. W. Scotland	38-Single	
19-To obstruct	20-Obstruct	51-Measure of length (pl.)	39-A river and lake, S. W. Scotland	40-Noted English essayist	
22-Best with a cane	23-Beverage	52-Confined drusekard	41-Mottled streak in wood	42-Earache	
25-Good (French)	26-Good (French)	53-Time-period	43-Battened	44-Prepared meat dish	
28-Set of the waves	31-Writing-fluid	54-The liberator of S. America	45-Prepared meat dish	46-The goddess of earth	
33-A city, S. Oklahoma	34-Name of five Shakespearean characters	55-A scow	47-The prefix, Three	48-The goddes of earth	
38-Measure of weight	39-The water-buffalo	4-Corning form. 4-Confounding form. 5-Medicinal plant	50-A honey-gatherer	51-Exist	
43-An Italian porridge	44-Unnecessary activity	6-Girl's name	52-A doll	53-Some	
47-Vet. (Provincial)	48-Lair of an animal	7-Confirmed drusekard	54-A town, S. W. Prussia	55-Having no value	
49-Own (Scot.)	50-Article	8-Time-period	56-Having no value	57-Buffet	
50-Lair.		9-A French statesman	58-A town, S. W. Prussia	59-Relating to	

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

HONG KONG HEIGHTS

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:

PALLAS	MADAME
ALOE	HONAN TIS
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\$400 A YEAR

LORD BIRKENHEAD'S REPLY TO MR. KIRKWOOD

"ASTOUNDING INCAPACITY"

Lord Birkenhead, speaking at an individual luncheon in London at the Hotel Cecil, replied to the assertion made by Mr. Kirkwood, the Socialist M.P. for Dumfarton, that no man should have more than \$400 a year.

"A Socialist member of the House of Commons," said Lord Birkenhead, "has stated that he was able to nourish himself very satisfactorily upon a salary of \$400 a year, and by implication he announced that he was not worth more than \$400 a year."

"His contributions to the debates of the House so far as I have observed them are mostly of an interruptive and explosive character. It is not for me to quarrel with the estimate he has formed, doubtless after due reflection, of his work in the world. It is an astounding exhibition of incapacity that anybody who has ever been able to persuade any constituency to return him as a member should seriously conceive in the exacting conditions of the modern world that no man is worth more than \$400 a year."

Menace of New Taxes

"We are drifting to-day—we have drifted ever since the war—and more rapidly towards the view, wholly mistaken and indefensible, that great new areas ought to be taken over by the State Octopus by which we are menaced. We are told that in the future even greater taxation is to be imposed than has ever been conceived by any country."

"The taxation in this country to-day for rich men, if you include income-tax and super-tax, is very nearly, or quite, 12s. in the £. That must react upon the whole people."

"The idea that you can maintain the population of these tiny islands if you are to impose burdens upon those who, by their experience, capacity and ingenuity, have shown themselves able to keep abreast of recent European and world competition is the idle babbling of foolish thoughtlessness. Dark Day for Britain."

"When I read that Mr. Snowden is contemplating—if and when he is asked to undertake the duty—imposing very heavy new taxation, I ask, What indication has any one of the leaders of the Labour Party ever given that he is adequate to manage any business at all?"

"It would be a dark day for this country and Empire if all which has been most instrumental in building up individual character were to be submerged by this new and pernicious doctrine that all men are intellectually equal, and all men equally meritorious citizens."

"You might as well draw by lot the next team to represent this country, at the Olympic Games. (Loud laughter.) The result would be as ludicrous as disastrous."

THE OLD TESTAMENT

SOME "UNSUITABLE PARTS"

London.—The Rev. Geoffrey Allen's suggestion, at the conference of Modern Churchmen at Cambridge, that large sections of the Old Testament should be rejected as ill-adapted for the service of Christian piety, has evoked partial agreement from Biblical authorities.

Canon Scott Liddett agrees that many parts are not suited for public use but that they are too valuable from an historical and literary point of view to be generally discarded.

Dr. Major, Principal of Ripon Hall, declares that scholars and students do not desire a reduction. The grotesque, hideous and immoral passages are important elements to them. A considerable reduction is desirable for Church reading. He suggests an authorized edition consisting of extracts in historical order with explanatory notes.

Dr. Raven, the King's Chaplain, urges certain omissions, drastic editing, and the reservation of certain parts for later education. He deplores the teaching of the Old Testament children before they have a sense of historical development and says that the Church has already practically expurgated it for reading purposes.

Mr. Henry Fowler, secretary of the Protestant Alliance, considers that Christians believe that the entire book is the inspired word of God and that therefore it is outside man's province to pick and choose.

Canon Tollington advocates experimental work by competent scholars. He does not think that the Old Testament has any binding authority for Christian people as Christians.

Dr. T. G. Wright, of the University of Cambridge, says that the Old Testament is a valuable book which should be taught in its entirety.

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FOREIGN LEGION

ENGLISHMEN MEET IN PICCADILLY

INTERESTING TRYST

Two young Englishmen who have served in the French Foreign Legion in North Africa have just reached home, and are waiting to keep a tryst with three other legion comrades in the West End next Saturday, says the "Daily Mail" to hand.

One of them told his story to a "Daily Mail" reporter. He is Mr. Thomas Wewege-Smith,

New President?



Dr. Miklas, President of the Austrian National Council, who is looked upon as the most likely successor to Dr. Habsch as President of the Austrian Republic.

aged 20, who three months ago joined the legion at Dunkirk.

Giving an account of his experiences he said:

I was drafted to Sidi Bel Abbes, in Algeria, and there met other Englishmen. One was John Wadd, a north countryman, who had been a butcher; another was known as Toby Mortimore, who has reached his home again in Plymouth; another was known as Bert Newlands, the son of a man well-known in Belgium, and the last was known as Douglas. He practised as a doctor before he joined the Legion.

While the officers of the Legion are decent fellows, the N.C.O.s, who are mostly Germans, are brutally cruel.

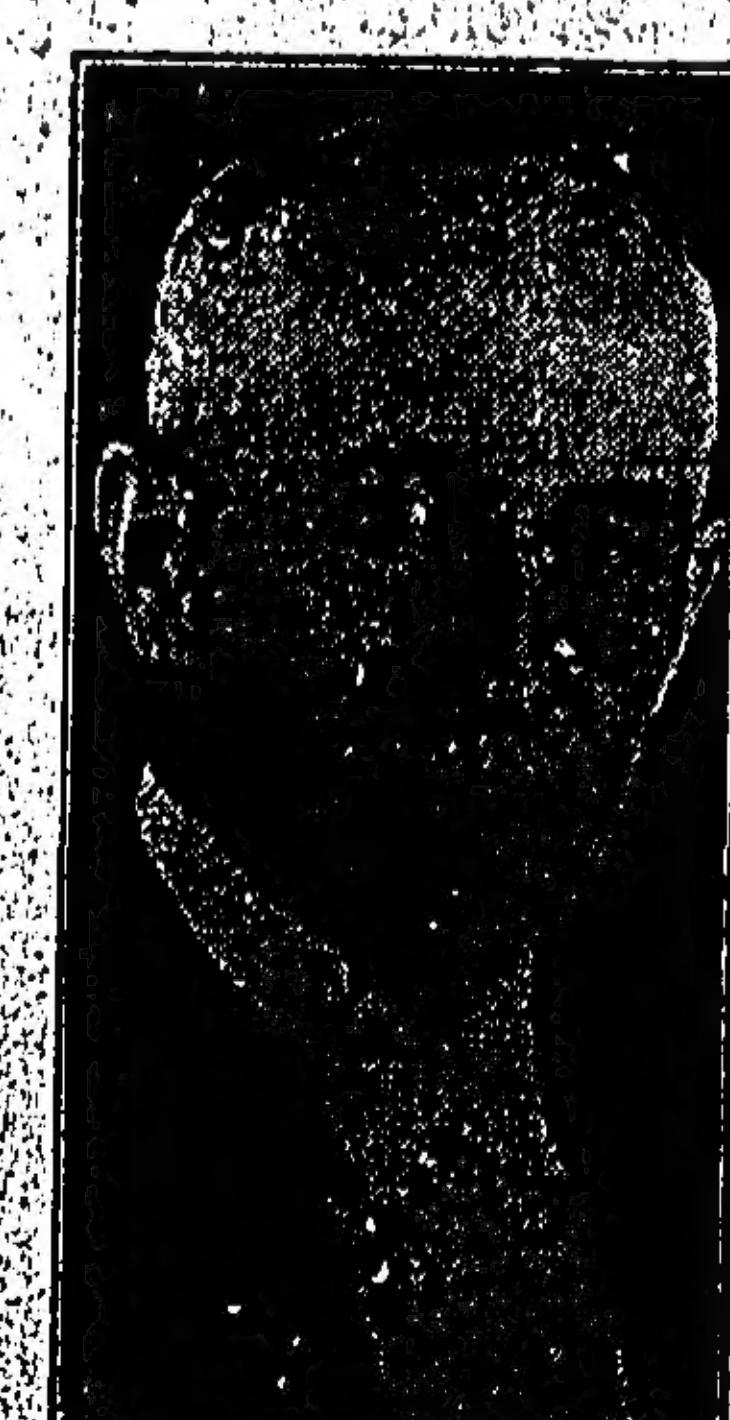
Whenever we Englishmen met, escape was almost the sole topic of conversation. We agreed finally to get away as best we could and to meet on December 8 outside a restaurant in Piccadilly at 8.30 p.m. If one of us failed to get there it was agreed, if possible, to insert a personal advertisement in "The Daily Mail" saying its delay.

I infested my eyes and was sent to Oran for medical inspection. The doctor, thinking I was going blind, ordered my discharge. Wadd was to make a dash for Spanish Morocco; while Newlands and Douglas were to make for a British ship in the Mediterranean.

They are either on their way or in prison by now.

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Orville Wright



Orville Wright, the aviator, who, as the first man to fly a heavier-than-air plane, and his brother, the late Wilbur Wright, has been selected as the Guest of Honour of the International Civil Aviation Conference to be held in London in May.

COW-GIRL'S POSE

EXTRAORDINARY TALE OF A "PRINCESS"

GERMANS DEFRAUDED

Berlin.—Long deprivation of Royalty has induced in certain circles of German society a keen and indiscriminating appetite which snaps greedily at any base substance.

It blindly swallowed Harry Domela, who posed as the elder son of the ex-Crown Prince, and it gulped down with equal relish the cowgirl Martha Barth, who for years successfully impersonated "Princess Margarete of Prussia," for which she will be placed before her judge at Erfurt. Probably it was a mere coincidence that both these impostors chose petty capitals of Thuringia as hunting grounds, and found them very happy ones.

The story with which Martha hypnotized her victims was that she was the love-child of a "Prince of Asturias" and a Royal lady, had been "recognised" by a former king, had been married at 14 years to the Heir-Apparent to a throne, and had been divorced, "secretly abducted," and morganatically wedded by the German Crown Prince, whose disciplinary transfers to Danzig was the result of this union.

Artistic verisimilitude was imparted to this unconvincing narrative by the corroborative detail of photographs showing Martha attired in riding costume or festooned with jewels which would have been worth a king's ransom had they been genuine, but which in reality were the cheapest of frippery bought from a barrow in the streets of Berlin.

The first victims of her romantic tale were two old ladies who, kept a milliner's shop in Erfurt. Before she had finished with them she drained them of all their property to the value of £500. Meanwhile they had spread her fame abroad, and she found no difficulty in running up big bills at a great variety of shops.

In society she levied direct tribute in contributions to "a fund for the assistance of impoverished members of the Hohenzollern family."

Her imposture might have had an even longer life if some of her most devoted adherents had not decided to visit her in her Potsdam home. They found her not in the Palace of Prince August Wilhelm, which she had given as her address, but in his byres looking after the cows.

Alexander Vinogradov, 17, was seriously burned in the early morning at Howley place, Harrow-road, Paddington, W. His clothes caught fire, and Joseph Rubens, 27, who went to his assistance, was burned on the face and hands. Both men were taken to St. Mary's Hospital.

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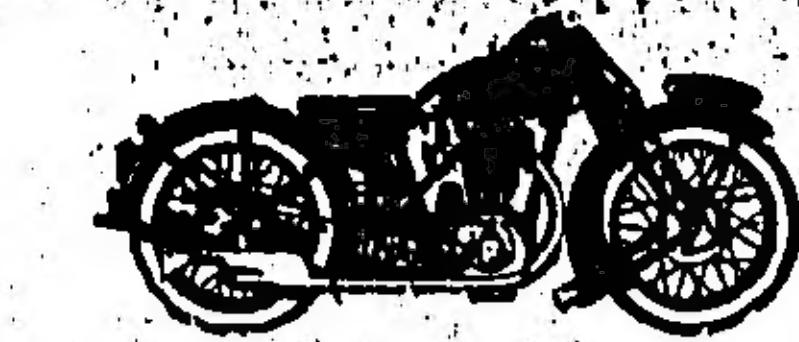
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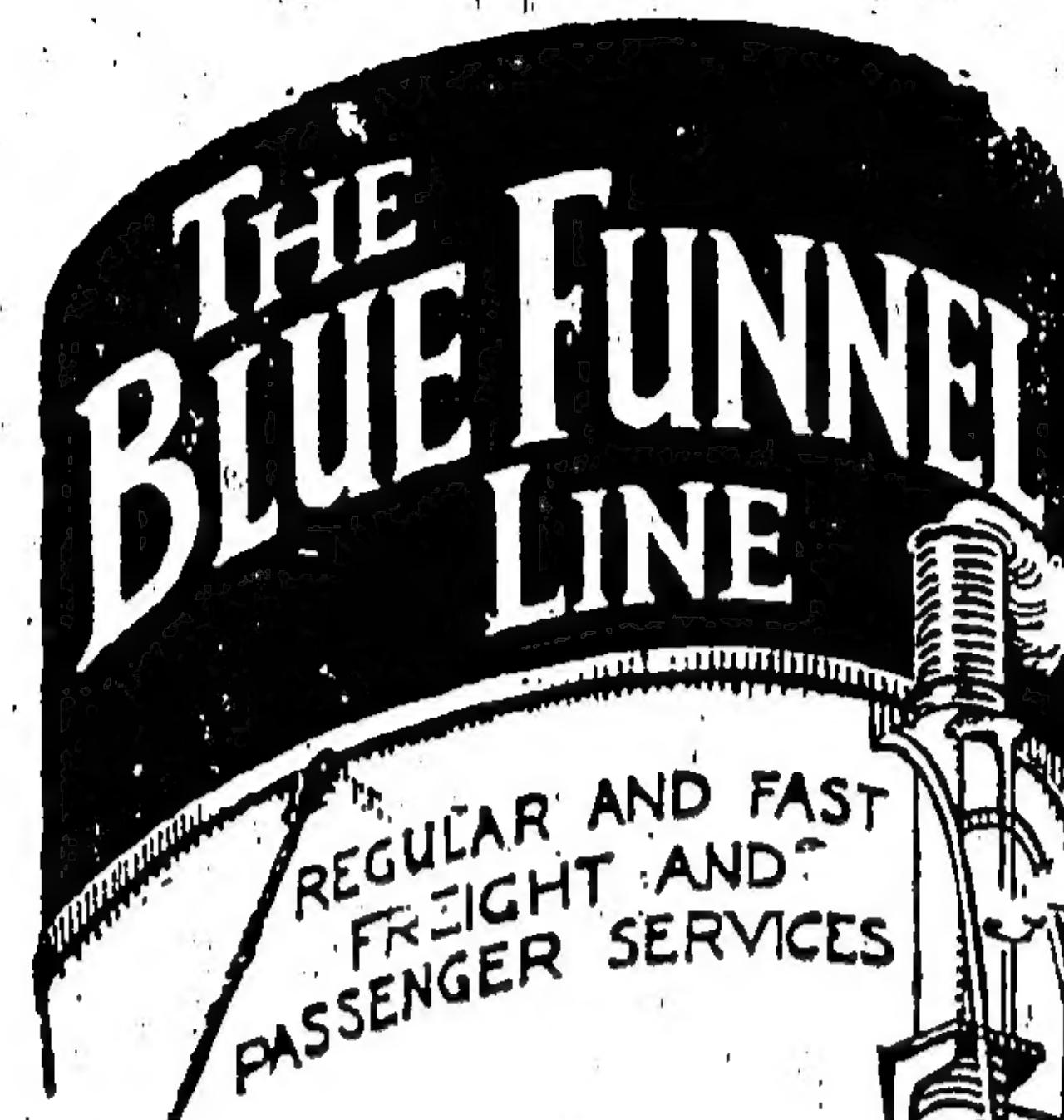
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Amoy Foochow 5 p.m.
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Manila Atsuta Maru 5 p.m.
Saturday, JANUARY 12.
Shanghai, Dalmay and Europe via Siberia Pres. van Buren 5 p.m.
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WHY GERMAN FLEET REVOLTED

CURIOS STORY EX-KAISER AND HIS CHANGE OF MIND THE KIEL OCCUPATION

The Amsterdam "Telegraaf" published a remarkable story of how, when the German fleet was ordered to attack the British fleet in October, 1918, Admiral Scheer only agreed on the condition that the Kaiser accompanied him on the flagship, and nominally assumed supreme command. The naval chiefs and Field-Marshal von Hindenburg supported Scheer, Admiral von Tirpitz emphasising that the presence of the Kaiser with the fleet would rally all sections to the throne. Scheer then went to Berlin, where the Kaiser expressed delight with the idea, and said: "I cannot conceive a more noble death than that of the head of the fleet in a last glorious attempt to defend our freedom and honour."

Scheer returned to Kiel to complete preparations, but just before the fleet was due to sail the Kaiser sent a message stating that he had decided not to accompany the fleet, but insisting on the fleet sailing.

Scheer tore up and burnt the message in order to prevent the Kaiser's "confession of cowardice" ever becoming known.

He also announced that he refused to sail. Instead, he occupied Kiel, and then the revolt of the navy began. Scheer informed the Minister for Internal Affairs that he intended to occupy Kiel until a new Government was established, and added that the following inscription could be placed on the grave of the German fleet: "She chose disgrace, rather than to fight the battle of a coward."

RE-ORGANISATION

CHINA'S FIGHTING FORCES AND PLANS

Nanking, Yesterday.

It is learned that a proposal has been submitted to the Disbandment Conference asking for a complete re-organisation of all the arsenals in China. If the suggestion is adopted all the arsenals will be instructed to stop working, pending re-organisation along modern lines, under the supervision of foreign experts.

The National Defence Conference will be convened immediately the Disbandment Conference has concluded its sittings. Among the principal issues to be taken up will be the re-organisation of China's naval and air forces.—Reuter.

GENERAL DISMISSED

Nanking, Yesterday. General Chien Ta-chun, commander of the 3rd Nationalist army corps and formerly garrison commander at Shanghai, has been dismissed.—Reuter.

[General Chien fought loyally for Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's cause in Kwangtung and has been a firm supporter of Marshal Chiang.]

Captain F. H. Robinson, a master at Wycombe Royal Grammar School, has been appointed headmaster of Kimmel School, Abergavenny, North Wales.

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VERY QUEER DIVORCE CASE

"MAN UNKNOWN" JUDGE COMMENTS ON LINE OF DEFENCE FATHERLESS BABY

London.—A divorce which ended in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, was remarkable for a line of defence concerning which the Judge, Lord Moncrieff, said there seemed to be no previous reported example.

Mr. James Whitton Robertson, of Dundee, sought a divorce from his wife, Lizzie Eason Robertson, on the ground of his adultery with Charles Edwards, both of whom lasted a fortnight.

Lord Moncrieff, in giving judgment, said it was asserted that Edwards was not addressing unlawful proposals to Mrs. Robertson, but was courting the daughter with a view to marriage.

Failure of that evidence would lead to a necessary inference of a most audacious conspiracy, and would have a disastrous effect on numerous other persons besides the individual parties to the defence.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson were married in 1908, and Rhoda, the daughter, was born in the following year.

In December, 1927, Mrs. Robertson gave birth to a son, of which Mr. Robertson declared that he was not the father.

"A Certain Document"

The evidence as to a certain document in the case might be accepted as sufficiently displacing all the usual presumptions of propriety, character and conduct in the case of Mrs. Robertson. It was a document of which schoolboys would be ashamed.

It was stated by Mrs. Robertson that the document was copied out by her some years ago at her husband's request. Lord Moncrieff said he had no hesitation in regarding that as false.

Mr. Robertson, however, had entirely failed to connect Mr. Edwards either with the document or with the taking of a certain photograph referred to in the case.

In effect the defence was that Mr. Edwards' visits became more frequent under his growing affection for Rhoda, which matured into an engagement on Rhoda's birthday in 1926.

Lord Moncrieff commented on the great improbability of a girl professing affection for her mother's paramour to screen her mother's behaviour.

He granted a decree nisi, holding that Mrs. Robertson had been guilty of adultery with some man unknown.

He upheld Mr. Edwards' defence, dismissed the case against him, and granted half his costs.

NO CEREMONY

SIR CECIL CLEMENTS LANDING

The Colonial Secretary states that His Excellency the Governor is expected to arrive in the Colony in the Canadian Pacific s.s. "Empress of France" to-day and to land at Queen's Pier after dark.

His Excellency will therefore land without any ceremony whatsoever.

EX-SERVICEMEN'S CRY FOR WORK

ONLY IDLENESS GENERAL'S BITTER DENUNCIATION OF DOLE

"IS NOTHING LEFT?"

"Our ex-Servicemen ask for work, but instead they are served out with the iron ration of idleness," said General Sir Ian Hamilton in a forceful speech at a conference on unemployment held by the British Legion at Fulham in mail week.

"The very word dole gives us the shivers," he said.

"To give able-bodied men regular pay without asking them for service in return is to do them an injury. But why do we not ask for service? Did God make our islands so perfect that there is nothing left for us to do to them? Certainly not? They are not by any means as well shaped as they might be, yet we can employ thousands of coolies at Singapore making another Port Arthur.

"It does not seem to strike anyone that we might profitably employ fifty thousand or so of the men who won the Great War within our own borders.

"Some may suspect me of being swayed by Scottish sentiments when I speak of the Clyde and the Forth. Well, how then about that mighty river the Severn? Why not make it as famous and as useful as the Germans are making the Shannon?"

"When all this labour is sitting idle, is it not a God-given chance to harness the Severn tides?

"How about the old English Wash, which has been yawning in the face of the British Constitution for centuries; or how about planting a real forest over our dead coal pits, instead of nibbling at a lot of little woods?

"There is a Latin phrase which says: 'To pick up wrinkles from an enemy is good business.' If the powers-that-be will not heed their own countrysmen, let them not disdain to take a tip from the Germans. When their trade was down and out the Germans jumped at the chance of digging canals and of electrifying the countryside."

IN BAD TASTE

CHRISTMAS DAY EVENTS IN YUNNANFU

INVITATIONS TO FOREIGNERS

Yunnanfu, Dec. 29.

On Christmas Day, an athletic display was given here, to which all foreigners were invited. There was drill and singing by about 3,000 schoolboys and girls of different ages, but the most remarkable thing about it was that although they were arranged in thirty columns of 100 each, extending over a very large parade-ground, they were all controlled by one man with a whistle, and moved with absolute precision.

There was no word spoken or order given and the performance went right through without a hitch, in a most praiseworthy manner.

A display was also given by the artillery. Guns were placed in position and blank cartridges fired, but the number of very blank cartridges did not speak well for the country of origin.

How It Was Spolt

Unfortunately the whole display was spoilt by the very decided and continued anti-Japanese propaganda which was carried on during the afternoon, boys riding round the grounds all the time with paper flags on which were inscribed anti-Japanese remarks. A large clay-figure was paraded, labelled in a similar manner, but more offensive.

There was an anti-foreign item, when a number of boys stood in two rows about 50 yards apart, one row holding small paper flags inscribed with remarks about the foreign treaties, and the others holding sticks with Nationalist flags on; the procedure being that the boys with the Nationalist flags would run to the other boys and tear the paper flags off and throw them on the ground, and replace them with Nationalist flags. It was all in very bad taste and quite unnecessary.

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The robbers got away with some jewellery, and it was the dockyard in a pawnshop in Queen's-road East of a gold chain bracelet with Jade pendant which led to the police action. The accused was subsequently discharged on account of insufficient evidence against him.

The young woman in the case



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The circumstances of the affair which the woman had already related at the inquest on the youth were repeated yesterday, after which the case was adjourned.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitton, assistant Attorney-General conducted the case for the Crown, whilst accused was defended by Mr. E. S. C. Brook.

H.M. transport "Neurath" carrying away British troops from China arrived at Singapore yesterday and sailed for Colombo.